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CONTACT REPORT

BRANCH: FOB/SAT
PROJECT: CARAVEL
CASE OFFICER PSEUDO: ☐ ☐
CASE OFFICER ALIAS: none
DATE OF MEETING: 10 Apr 62
MEETING PLACE: CARAVEL's office

DATE OF REPORT: 11 Apr 62
AGENT CRYPT: CARAVEL
AGENT OPERATIONAL ALIAS:
TIME OF MEETING 1600 HRS TO 1700
PERIOD COVERED TO
one month

1. A routine meeting was held with CARAVEL at 1600 hours on 10 April 1962. It was arranged by a phone call on 9 April. We had planned to meet on our about 19 March, but CARAVEL was not available at that time.

Operational Discussion

2. Arrangements were made for us to pick up all missing CASTIRRUP reports (two from 1960 and six from 1961) on 24 April.

3. We approached CARAVEL on the possibility of locating identified MfS agents who may or may not have come to W. Germany and work here under their true name. The basic question was: can CARAVEL make a search of all Meldeamt files in the country, or at least of the Meldeamt in the big cities. CARAVEL assured us that placing the name and other data available in the Aufenthaltsermittlungsbuch or putting out the name on a twix through the system set up with ☐ ☐ will insure that a large majority of all Meldeamt will be searched. CARAVEL cannot guarantee complete coverage because the performance of the various police units which get the trace requests is not uniform; also, in some localities the Einwohnermeldeamt are not connected with the police. CARAVEL said we could bury names of this type in traces we give to ☐ ☐ and he need not know what the purpose of our inquiry is. He was glad that we had discussed this question with him in principle. We also checked out the possibility of locating such MfS agents by checking lists of vehicle owners. We had been told that there was a master list of owners in Wiesbaden. CARAVEL, after checking with his experts, said that there was no master list in Wiesbaden or anywhere else. There is a Kraftfahrt Bundesamt in Kiel which has a complete list of all chassis numbers of cars licensed for operation in Germany with the name of the last known owner given after the chassis number. Therefore, you can trace a car to the owner but there is no master alphabetical file of owners. This office in Kiel also maintains an alphabetical list of traffic violators. There is some idea of making a master list of all owners of driver's permits, but this in the future.

4. We turned over to CARAVEL the assignment determining whether a Magdalena BITTNER, who escaped from the DDR in April and is presumably living in Wiesbaden, is the mother of a George BITTNER, of interest to the ☐ ☐ Station and FOB/EGOB.

5. On behalf of our people in ☐ ☐ we tried to determine whether, as stated in ☐ 5531, there are six members of the Afghan Secret Police due for training by the BfV in Bonn. The answer was negative, as far as CARAVEL knew, and a cable to ☐ ☐ will be prepared. CARAVEL pointed out that the BfV school is in Cologne and that to his knowledge foreigners have never been trained there. When foreign trainees are referred to the S.G. for aid in training, CARAVEL is invariably called in to set up the training. This inquiry of ours led to a discussion of the perennial problem of getting biographic data and assessment on police trainees from the underdeveloped countries. CARAVEL stated that the man responsible for the training, who has the assignment of writing up a master review of the program, complete with assessment, is now back at work after

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having been in the hospital for over a month and the study should imerge sometime in the indefinite future. CARAVEL has not had an opportunity to use any of the PRQ type questionnaires which he has prepared for future trainees, but has promised to let us look at them. CARAVEL understands very well our need for information on these trainees, but the size of his shop will simply not permit any up to date assessment and biographic reporting. He is happy when he can get one group of trainees finished and sent home without a flap, because usually the work has piled up for all of his people involved. We do not think CARAVEL is stalling.

CARAVEL's Travels:

6. CARAVEL will be in Monrovia, Liberia, from 17 through 20 April as guest of Joseph CHESSEN, attorney general of Liberia. (For 10 years prior to 1961, CHESSEN was in the International Secretariat of Interpol in Copenhagen. CARAVEL will be attending a Regional Conference of Interpol designed for all African nations. The "colonial" powers that still have possessions in Africa are also invited but the British (Jackson) will not attend. CARAVEL will not be called on to deliver a speech, but he will be asked many questions and many states will ask him to train their police personnel. So far the main problem of Interpol in the African countries has been the almost complete lack of personnel on the police working level. Everybody with an education wants to be a boss, and there is noone to do the routine police work. (The General Assembly of Interpol will be held in Madrid in September 1962.)

7. Our comments on political subjects discussed are typed on a separate sheet.